

# Manmin News

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## Nairobi Manmin Church in Kenya, full of truth and grace

Nairobi Manmin Church (Ministering pastor: Rev. Myongho Cheong) in Kenya has been helping believers to live a blessed life in Jesus Christ experiencing the works of change and healings as well as conducting active ministry throughout 54 countries in Africa. In last April, it held various events inside and outside the church to glorify God.

### MIS lectures waking up pastors and local church events

On April 9 and 10, MIS (Manmin International Theological Seminary) lecture was progressed in Kisii, Africa, and Kisii Manmin Church's twelfth anniversary celebration service was held.

The Kisii MIS lecture (Photo 1 and 2) held on April 9 was attended by students from the Kisii region, as well as the bishops and pastors. After introducing Manmin ministry through a video, Rev. Myongho Cheong delivered his testimony and the message entitled, 'Spirit, Soul and Body' based on the sermons of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee.

The bishops and pastors who attended for the first time on the day said, "It is regretful that I have preached without knowing this precious word of God," and registered with the MIS and joined Manmin as a branch church.



On April 10, at the twelfth anniversary celebration service of Kisii Manmin Church (Photo 3 and 4), Rev. Cheong preached on 'Why is only Jesus our Savior' under the title of 'Eternal Life', and the bishops, pastors, Kisii MIS pastors, and local residents' representatives attended, adding to the joy of anniversary.

### Married couple seminar hosted by Men's Mission and the dedication service of Women's Mission

On April 3, hosted by Men's Mission, 27 couples had a meeting with Rev. Myong-ho Cheong (Photo 5).

This event, held to unite couples and achieve complete home evangelization, was conducted first for families whose wives are attending other churches among the members of the Men's Mission, and it became a time of grace and blessing to become one in Manmin.

Also, on April 24, there was a dedication service prepared by the Women's Mission with all their heart, mind, and sincerity (Photo 6). The members gave thanks and glory to God for allowing them to be changed with the holiness gospel and the works of the Holy Spirit through the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) on which the Senior

Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed.

### 'Bible Camp' of the Children's and Students' Sunday School

The 'Bible Camp' was held at Children's Sunday School (Photo 7 and 8) from April 12 to 13 and at Students' Sunday School (Photo 9 and 10) on April 14, respectively. The camp consisted of various programs such as the word of God and praise, seminar, the Holy Spirit prayer meeting, etiquette education, Bible quiz, and talent show.

Especially, at the Children's Sunday School 'Talent Show', Shanton Otieno won the grand prize and drew attention. Shanton had suffered from pernicious anemia since he was three years old, but at the handkerchief meeting held every month, he received a handkerchief prayer of power from Rev. Myong-Ho Cheong, and was completely healed and restored his health.

Meanwhile, at the Students' Sunday School 'Talent Show', student Gloira received the grand prize for a sermon expressing gratitude for Manmin ministry and the message of Dr. Jaerock Lee, entitled, "The Message of the Cross".

## "I am completely healed of facial paralysis."

Deaconess Jungsoon Park (Age 71, the 19th Parish)



In November 2021, I suddenly had facial paralysis. This made my face contort and made it difficult to eat something. I was able to cover my face with a mask, but I was reluctant to meet people, so I gradually avoided people.

I was driving a school car, and I was afraid I would not be able to work. So, I went to see a doctor right away and got treatment. It got better then, but after some time it recurred.

When the symptoms of facial paralysis appeared this time, I hurried to the hospital. The doctor recommended the operation. I said I would not receive the operation and received drug treatment instead. But it did not improve and the symptoms got worse.

In the end, with the desire to get completely healed by God, I prepared for the Divine Healing Meeting in March with faith. While praying at the vowed Daniel prayer meetings,

I repented of my lack of faith and relying on the hospitals and medicines first from the fear of losing my job due to the disease, although I have seen many works of power. Also, I repented of hating my husband for even small things, and of not seeking my log while seeing others' specks.

I obeyed and completed the spiritual growth projects of the church, such as 'Reading Senior Pastor's books' and 'Reading the Bible', but I was not able to pray fervently at the Daniel prayer meeting as my work was not finished until 11 pm.

However, I did my best to pray earnestly participating in the Vowed Daniel prayer meeting and the online prayer meeting for the sick held in March ahead of the divine healing meeting.

I repented that I couldn't pray with my heart but prayed with idle thoughts. Also, I was so grateful that a poor person like me met Manmin,

heard the precious holiness gospel through the Senior Pastor, realized the love of the Lord, and was guided on the right path to live as a child of God.

AT 11 pm on March 25, I attended the Divine Healing Meeting through GCN, and was moved by God's grace and love and filled with gratitude throughout the time.

When Dr. Soojin Lee, Acting Senior Pastor prayed for the sick, I received the prayer with an earnest heart. The next day, my facial paralysis started to be loosened gradually, and after a few days it disappeared completely. Hallelujah!

Now, I am not afraid to meet anyone. I'm only happy. Also, through this chance, I came to understand my husband, and my love grew.

I give all thanks and glory to God the good Father who has given me love, peace, health and happiness in my life.



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

# Your Word Is a Lamp and a Light

“I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Your precepts... Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”  
(Psalm 119:110, 105)

**“When you observe God’s precepts, you can clearly see your path through understanding you get from God. Then, you will never be lost and can even find the shortcut.”**

Even if you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you do not have to fear nor worry. If God who is Light becomes a lamp to your feet and a light to your path, you may not have any obstacles or any difficulty in life.

How, then, can we be saved from all kinds of tests and trials and guided to life and peace? When you observe God’s precepts, you can clearly see your path through the understanding you get from God. Then you will never be lost and can even find the shortcuts. You can glorify God greatly.

## 1. The Word of God Is a Lamp and a Light in Your Life

Psalm 119:100 says, “I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Your precepts.” ‘Understanding’ spiritually means ‘getting a view of one’s path.’ Thus, the verse implies one who has observed God’s precepts can get a view of his/her path and understand things better than the aged.

Why are the aged mentioned here? The aged do not simply refer to people who are old, but to wise people who can discern things properly based on wide life experiences and wisdom. Those who have good understanding due to their wide experiences over time are likened to the aged.

If you are presented the path of understanding by such experienced people, you may have the opportunity to lead a better life. But if you rely on God who is the source of the wisdom, how much better life might you be able to live!

Since God is almighty, He foreknows everything and has let the beginning and end of human history be recorded in the Bible. So, when we rely on God and observe His precepts, we can go the path that is more certain and firmer than any path of the world. The path will never fall short nor wonder to the right or left.

Thus, the path to making your life valuable is in

having the precepts of God as a lamp to your feet and a light to your path.

## 2. To Have the Word of God as a Lamp to Your Feet and a Light to Your Path

**First, you must restrain your feet from every evil way.**

Psalm 119:101 reads, “I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word.”

The reason you must restrain your feet is that feet are the body parts that put your decision concerning where to go into practice. So, ‘feet’ spiritually symbolize overall processes of human life including the passing of time and what people pursue in life. Thus, ‘to restrain your feet from evil way’ means you do not do evil, nor take part in anything evil, but only do something good throughout your life.

King Uzziah, the 9th king of Judah, succeeded to the throne at the age of sixteen. He ruled the kingdom wisely during the early years of his reign and made his nation prosperous. By humbly relying on God, he expanded its territory and other nations paid tributes to him. It was the most prosperous time after the reign of King Solomon.

However, he became arrogant though it was by the grace of God that the nation became strong, and finally he went the way of evil. He did something that over-extended his authority by doing what only priests were allowed to do (2 Chronicles 26:16). This incident enraged God and His fury came upon him and leprosy broke out. He had to live in a separate house until he died. Even after he died, he was not buried in the tomb of the kings.

Unlike Uzziah, Joseph did not go the way of evil. He only took the right path before God. Even though he was falsely accused and imprisoned, his afflictions turned into blessings. He interpreted the dream of the Pharaoh by the wisdom from God and became the second-in-command ruler of Egypt. When we also restrain every evil way and live by the Word of the Lord, we will receive the wisdom and understanding from above and be led to prosperity in every matter.

In other words, to cast off evil is the first thing we must do to observe the precepts of God, and that is also the way to gain better understanding than that of the aged. Therefore, I hope you will remove every form of evil from your heart and humbly rely on God.

### Second, you must not turn aside from the God's ordinances.

Psalm 119:102 reads, "I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me."

The ordinances refer to God's commandments such as the rules and the law that were given to the Israelites so that they could keep them from generation to generation (Exodus 12:17; Leviticus 16:34; 1 Chronicles 23:31). But it was not only for the Israelites but also for all those who believe God even today.

Of course, it does not mean we must conduct all the forms of worship and rites the Israelites in the Old Testament time conducted. While the Israelites did physical circumcision in the Old Testament time, people in the New Testament time have circumcised hearts. In such a sense, they can keep the law when they understand spiritual meanings of it.

Anyone can refrain from evil way as they hold fast to the ordinances of God. To the extent that people depart from the ordinances, the enemy Satan is more likely to fill their hearts with untruth and evil. But if they fill their hearts with the Word of God which is the truth, they have no time to let untruth pile up in their hearts and they can change themselves into holy and perfect people. This is the fundamental reason you need to keep the ordinances of God.

King Ahab of Northern Kingdom of Israel was more wicked than any other king before him. He infuriated God by worshiping idols of Gentile nations. Over the same period of time, King Jehoshaphat ruled the Southern Kingdom of Judah. He did right in the sight of God. He once joined in the war against Aram to help Ahab. Ahab disguised himself as one of the soldiers because he was afraid that the enemies would recognize him and kill him, while Jehoshaphat was still in a royal robe during the war. But it was King Ahab who was killed by the army of Aram while in the intense warfare. He was disgraced even after he died because the dogs licked up his blood just the way Elijah had prophesied. It clearly shows the example of the end of evildoers who turn aside from the ordinances of God.

Hezekiah, the king of Judah, also did right in the sight of God and relied on Him. Since God was with him, he prospered wherever he went (2 Kings 18:6-7). When his kingdom was in a danger due to the Assyrians' invasion, he prayed to God. Then it happened that night that the angel of God went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, all of them were dead (2 Kings 19:35).

In brief, if you do not turn aside from the ordinances of God, you will be given understanding to look ahead and set up methods according to it. Then, you can be guided to prosperity.

### Third, you must long for the Lord's words sweeter than honey.

Psalm 119:103 states, "How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" A biblical example who longed for the Word of God like this is Daniel.

Daniel was royalty of Judah, but he was taken captive by Babylon in 605 BC when Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king invaded the kingdom of Judah. The empire of Babylon took some captives to the palace who were worthy to be trained as its harmonizing policy. Daniel was one of them. He was supposed to eat the king's choice food and wine for three years.

But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine although he was just a captive; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials. Daniel asked the commander to test him for ten days, that is, let him be given only some vegetables to eat and water to drink. It was because he was afraid that there were things that had been sacrificed to idols or meat of detestable animals which God prohibited.

The commander listened to him in this matter and tested him for ten days. At the end of ten days his appearance seemed better and he was fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food. So, the overseer continued to withhold his choice food and the wine he was to drink, and kept giving him vegetables. In this manner, Daniel kept the Word of God that leads to eternal life and considered it as sweet as honey. That is why his life was of value and his life was prosperous. He was a captive but became a commissioner of the Babylonian kingdom. Even when he was thrown into a lions' den, he was not hurt at all and glorified the living God greatly.

If you feel the Word of God sweeter than honey and consume it with longing, in other words, if you consider it more important and precious than anything else in the world, you will be able to have the Word as a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Then, you can be saved from any kind of test and be led to life and peace.

### Fourth, you must hate every false way.

Psalm 119:104 states, "From Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way." Why then will we hate every false way when we get understanding from the precepts of God?

When you observe God's rules you will be given solutions to any problem and be shown the path. Once you can discern between right and wrong, good and evil, and life and death through understanding you get, you cannot but hate evil that perverts the truth and leads to destruction.

A baby does not care when his body or clothes get stained with filth. He may just keep playing for he knows nothing. As he grows up and learns things, he learns that filth is dirty. He then tries to wash it away when he gets dirty. It is very important to distinguish the clean from the dirty and filthy.

This principle of relativity applies to the spiritual realm as well. When people do not know what sin is and how dirty and filthy it is, they do not take it seriously, though they have sin in their hearts. But once the word of the truth sheds light on their hearts and they come to realize sin, righteousness, and judgment, they will hate and stay away from sin.

Let's now delve into every false way we must hate to get understanding in the Lord.

First, the evil way refers to some words from lips such as evil words, perverse words, dishonest words, crooked words, lies, slanders, futile words, and words of resentment.

Second, it includes deception. If you deceive others and sell your product at an exorbitant price, if you say something right is wrong, or if you break your promise, it is deception of others.

Third, it also indicates the desire for reaping where you did not sow. If you want to gain more than what you did, want to make a big fortune on a single occasion, or desire to have something extremely unrealistic, all of these are the acts of ignoring the justice of God, and God hates them.

To 'hate every evil way' does not mean you must have ill feeling or burst into an anger when you see evil. 'Hating the evil way' spiritually means casting away evil, overcoming evil with goodness, and committing everything to God without seeking revenge on enemies.

Also, when you hate evil, you may hate sin, but you may not hate those who commit the sin. You may forgive them even up to seventy times seven, show mercy to them, and take care of orphans, widows, and other neglected neighbors. Such acts are the acts of hating evil. When you hate evil ways and follow only the truth, your body and soul will be safely protected, and you will enjoy prosperity in everything.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope the confession, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," will be yours. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will have God as your shelter and live happy, beautiful, and successful lives in prosperity in everything.

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### Photo News



## Chungju Manmin Church The 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and sanctuary dedication service

On April 24, at 3 pm, Chungju Manmin Church offered its 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration service and the sanctuary dedication service with Pastor Miyong Lee(Vice president, Pastors' Association).

Chungju Manmin Church(Pastor Jaeyoung Park) came to dedicate the sanctuary within the guidance of God the Father and the devotion of the members, and gave glory to God with thanks and joy.



## FEATURE STORY

## In Celebration of Family Month, Children's Day and Parents' Day events were held.



Children's Sunday School held a '2022 Children's Sunday Event' through GCN and YouTube to celebrate Children's Sunday at 1 pm on May 1.

After the representative prayer by Sion Choi, and the scripture reading by Sungkyung Kang, Dr. Soojin Lee, Acting Senior Pastor delivered the message entitled, "Obedient Children"(2 Cor. 13).

Pastor Mikyung Lee, Chairperson of Pastors' Association and Deaconess Jinhee Gong, chief supporter of Children's Sunday School gave a congratulatory message respectively. After that, performance team of Sunday School offered up special praise, and pictures of Easter Egg decorations and other various events and activities so far were introduced.

Children's Sunday School is proceeding the Sunday activities online through GCN and YouTube at 1 pm.

The Senior Deaconess Association held the Parents' Day Celebration Event for the senior members over 70, on May 3, 4 & 6.

The event was proceeded with the presiding of Sr. Deaconess Geumsun Bin, and after the video greeting of Dr. Soojin Lee, Acting Senior Pastor, there were Ukulele performance (by Senior Deaconess Eunhee Kim and 5 members) and Dance for health (by Senior Deaconess Jinhee Kim and 2 members) which gave them a joyful and happy time.

After that, they had a meaningful time in the Lord, watching the entries in the Easter Egg Decorating Contest and taking commemorative photos.



## “The moment the bus fell 2 meters down, it felt like someone hugged me and received me.”

Alberto Bravo Castro (Age 56, Colombia Manmin Church)



I live in a remote area, so I am offering online worship of Colombia Manmin Church. However, not long ago, I experienced the amazing work of God. I was completely protected from the accident in which the bus fell 2m down and overturned.

Last March 20, I took a bus from Barranquilla to Mompox. The bus departed around 11 pm, and the accident occurred 30 km from Mompox.

It was later revealed that the bus driver had a sudden cardiac arrest, and the bus went off the road and overturned falling 2 meters down. Of the 32 passengers, 6 were killed, 10 were seriously injured, and the rest of the passengers were also injured. The

accident was reported as major news in Colombian daily newspapers and public broadcasters.

I'm always carrying the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed. It was the same that day.

The moment the accident happened, I prayed to God and the bus fell 2 meters down. But at that moment, it felt like someone hugged me and received me, and there was no impact whatsoever.

I checked my body immediately after the accident, there was no injury on my body. The person sitting next to me suffered a serious injury to his arm from the impact of the accident, but I had no problems.

It was the time to realize how thrilling it is to be protected by God the Father, and to engrave that love in my heart once again.

I give all thanks and glory to God the Father for protecting me from a big accident that could have resulted in the loss of my life. I am also grateful to all of Manmin family who always pray for us.



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